

## **Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee Meeting 15 March 2011**

Attendance: John Bamberger, Richard Fein, Lynn Grabowski, Karen Kowles (chair), Peter Lillya, Fran VanTreese, Eve Vogel, Glenn Barrington (UMass Transit)

Glenn Barrington reported that the cumulative **ridership through July-January on route 32 is 4% higher** than that during the comparable period in FY10. He said that UMass Transit would cooperate in distribution of bike safety materials from the Committee to bus riders. Posted overhead signs on buses are an alternative.

**Bike week** will start on 14 May. **On Fri 20 May there will be a breakfast on the Amherst Common.** The committee discussed having a table on 20 May to provide information about Committee projects like the North Amherst Bike Path and complete Streets.

The Mass DOT plans for Wildwood **Safe Routes to Schools** lack most of the features we had suggested: sidewalk on E. Pleasant, bike shelter at Wildwood, repaving the Wildwood-Middle School path. DOT plans a 24 March hearing.

There was no quorum at the March **CPA meeting**. The next meeting is scheduled on 17 March.

Richard Rosnoy presented our proposal that \$50K be appropriated for a consultant to prepare a transport plan for the town consistent with the existing Town master Plan. This presentation seemed to be received favorably.

The committee discussed a possible **stewardship plan for Town trails**.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 19 April at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lillya  
Secretary